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PRESBYTERO JOHANNE,

AC

Omnibus ejus REGIBUS & PRINCIPIBUS ſubordinatis

A

Populo Dei in Anglia, vocato Anglice QUAKERS.

FOR

Presbyter John,

AND

All his ſubordinate KINGS and PRINCES.

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People of God in ENGLAND, in ENGLISH called, QUAKERS.

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NOs *populi sumus* è *longinquo proventi*, qui tales sumus, qui salutem illorum cum *timore*, & *tremore* conficiunt; qui tales sumus, quales qui apud *verbum* Domini (qui vivit ac permanet in æternum,) *tremunt*; quo cuncta finientia, & non permanentia neque insistentia videntur. Nos ex omnibus Derisoribus, & Scurris in mundo ejecti sumus; à blateronibus circa Ministerium, ecclesiam, Religionem, & cultum, qui ab illis in Derisione *tremores* vocati sumus, qui quod concutiendum est concuti cognoscimus, utque id quod concuti non potest appareat; *Agnus a fundamento mundi Mactatus nunc etiam apparetur*; omnesq; occisores, cum maximè precipuis illorum, maximi illius professores fuerunt, & nunc est *tremor*, *quassatioque in Tabernaculis*, in *Campis*, *in exercitibus illorum*: nuncque omnium voluntariorum adoratorum, & ecclesiarum, & Ministerii, inventionumque quassatio, & concussii sunt, & scientiæ, intellectusque quæ in nihilum rediguntur, nunc enim *semen surrectum est*, *super illorum vestigium*, eos in pulverem ad molandum; nunc *agnus surrectus est*, & ad *regnandum* ventus est, qui omnia sibiipsi subjiciet, & *regna Nationesque* subdet, qui reget, & regnabit, *imperiumque in justitiâ habebit*.

Annunciatio nostra mittitur ad te, & ad tua regna, a servis Domini, misitque nos servos suos ad te, tuaque Dominia, Nationesque visitandum, nosque audientes te amorem habere in fidem *Christi mundi luminis*, qui *illuminat omnem hominem venientem in mundum*, quo homines fidem ab illo apprehendunt.

Nos à Domino ex magnâ Britanniâ *moti*, ex Angliâ ab inter familias Prophetarum Dei excelsi, inter quos potestas, nomen, & gloria ejus revelatur, qui *duo sumus* ex ceteris, qui in *alteras Nationes* emittimur in mundum, in *extremas terræ oras*, ad Dei vineam visitandum, ac *Reges* terræ quos Deus in manu ejus

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habet, & ſicut *aquas illos regit*, qui perſonam alicujus hominis reſpicere non poſſumus, neque legem potentis Dei tranſgredi, quæ dicit quòd ille qui perſonas reſpicit peccatum committit, & ita totius Legis potentis Dei univerſæ terræ ſit reus, Dei *Jacob*, *Abrahami*, *Moſis*, *Salomonis*, *Davidis*, Dei *qui ita mundum amavit ut unigenitum Filium ſuum in mundum miſit, quod quiſquis in illo crederet non periret*, *ſed vitam æternam haberet*, qui *filius omnem hominem in mundum venientem illuminat, ut omnes per illum credere poſſint*, ſic in illo ſtatu, reſpectuque omnes homines in eſtimatione habemus ut ſaluari poſſent, & ad vitam venirent, ac omnes homines, & creaturas in Domino honoramus, quatenùs ipſe eos creavit, quatenùs creaturas, quas ipſe fecit, quanquam ab illo *degeneres fiant*, iis opus manuum ipſius exiſtentibus; Ita igitur ab omnibus in terram hominibus deſpecti ſumus, utrum profeſſores *Dei Chriſti*, *Prophetarum*, *Apoſtolorum*, *Sanctorumque verborum*, in totâ Scriptura ſint; iis non in vitâ, & poteſtate Chriſti exiſtentibus, in vitâ Prophetarum, & Apoſtolorum, atque id omnis odii in terrâ cauſa eſt tàm inter Profeſſores, quàm Ethnicos; ſic tua nobilitas, amor tui ad Jeſum, amor tui ad Apoſtolos, & amor tui erga Prophetas multùm delocutus eſt; *at hoc non niſi pars noſtri nuncii*, quòd *Tu*, & *Vos*, & *omnes* in vitam *Moſis*, *Prophetarum*, *Chriſti Jeſu*, & in *vitam* Dei pervenire poſſetis, totumque ſubter te *Dominium tuum*, quo pax Dei omnem intellectum pretereùns *cuncta corda veſtra poſſideat*, ut ad *fidem* quam habetis in filio Dei *virtutem* addatis, utque ad *ſcientiam* quam habetis de Prophetis & Apoſtolis, & Chriſto *temperantiam* addatis, & ut ad *temperantiam*, addatis *patientiam*, ac *pietatem*, & ad *pietatem fraternum amorem* & *charitatem*, quæ nunquam deficiat ubi Dei amor eſt, hîc amor in corde diffuſus, Nunc autem his in vobis entibus, abundabitis ac nequaquam *ſteriles*, nec *infructuoſi* in *cognitione* Domini noſtri Jeſu Chriſti eritis; ſed introitus vobis abundè miniſtrabitur in regnum ſempiternum Domini noſtri Jeſu Chriſti, ſed ſi hæc deficiunt cæci eritis, voſq; à priſtinis peccatis veſtris unquam purgatos fuiſſe obliviſcemini; *hæc itaque præfata in vobis cognoſcenda ſunt*; *& neceſſe eſt ut regnum cælorum notum ſit in vobis licet grano ſinapis ſimile eſt*, & illud eſt quod *malo*, aut *peccato* nunquam aſſentiverit, idque eſt fermentum donec nova maſſa fiat.

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Fert *verbum*, quod erat in *principio*, *Christus* [in quo omnes Prophetæ,& Typi, figuræ,umbræque desinunt] sentiendum est ac inveniendum in corde, idque est *verbum* quod *pretiosum* à vili differat, pretiosa desideria à vilibus, pretiosa verba à vilibus Christusque ft intùs mysterium, spes gloriæ, & omnis *verus Christianus* noscicturus est Legem Dei intra mentem, & in corde suo positam, *adeo ut non necesse erit illis ad invicem dicere, cognoscite Dominum, omnes enim à maximo ad minimum cognoscent eum, quicunque legem in cordibus suis inscriptam habent & in mentibus suis* ponitam, Dominumque ipse ad docendum populum ejus Spiritu suo venturus est, in quo apud seipsum unitatem habebunt, in quo adorabitur in veritate, in quo Spiritu unitatem cum filio, cum verbis Prophetarum, & Apostolorum ejus, illorumque Spiritibus, & apud se invicem habebunt. Nunc autem nemo qui Christianus est cum carne, & sanguine certaturus est, aut inimicos osurus, sed illos amaturus; neque circa ecclesiam suam, circa Ministerium suum, circa cultum suum, circa Religionem suam persecuturus est, nihil coactione, sed amore *facturi sunt Christiani*, nihil in lite,ibi enim gloratio, & Jactantia, elatio erunt, *Deus enim amavit mundum etiamsi hostes ejus*, atque ita oportet Filios ejus non circa Religionem, ecclesiam, cultum, ac Ministerium *interficere*; atque is Christus, *filius* Dei, qui in mundum missus fuit,salvator mundi, ipse dicit Discipulis suis *amate inimicos*, & *persecutores*, alioquin *quid plus quam Pharisei agitis*? illi enim *amicos suos amabant*, & non in amore Dei qui mundum amabat fuerant; hîc ita Christianorum amorem oportet ab amore mundi differre, *Pharisei*, *Judæi*, illi Templum, sacerdotes, Prophetas, Scripturasque habebant, sed extra vitam quæ illas edidit, sic Christum quando venit non receperunt, atque ita amorem Dei nesciebant; sed amicos suos persecuti sunt, sicut *omnes Christiani qui scripturas veritatis*, & Christi *verba* habent, & *inimicos non amant*, illi non ab *amore* Pharisæorum differrunt, qui amor est *amor sui*, sic universalis Dei amor (filiis ejus in eo manentibus) hostes amat, perfectus fit, sicque in mentem Christi venit, per quem mentem Dei sciunt, & in pactum Dei veniunt, & cum vitâ Dei consociantur.

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For PRESBYTER JOHN, *and all his ſubordinate* KINGS *and* PRINCES.

WEe *are a people come from far, who are ſuch as workes out their Salvation with fear, and trembling*; who are ſuch as *tremble* at the word of God (who lives, & abides, and endures for ever) by which all things are ſeen that end, and do not endure, and do not abide, we are by all the ſcorners, and ſcoffers in the world caſt out, by the janglers about Miniſtry, Church Religion, and Worſhip, who are by them in ſcorn called *Quakers*, who know that which is to be ſhaken is ſhaken, and that is appeared which cannot be ſhaken, *the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of the World*, and now is appeared; and are the ſlayers, which the chiefeſt of them have been the greateſt *Profeſſors* of him: and now is the *trembling* and *ſhaking* in their *tents*, in their *Campes*, in their *hoſts*, and now are the quivering and ſhaking, of all the *will worſhippers* and *Churches*, and *Miniſtry*, and *Inventions*, and of the knowledg, and underſtanding which comes to naught; for now is the ſeed riſen a topp of them to grind them to powder, *for now is the Lamb riſen, and come to reign who will ſubject all things to himſelfe and ſubdue Kingdomes, and Nations who will Rule, and Raign, and have the Government in righteouſneſſe.*

Our meſſuage is ſent unto Thee, and to thy Kingdomes by us the ſervants of the Lord, and hath ſent us his ſervants to give Thee, and Thy Dominions, and Nations a viſit and hearing that thou haſt a Love to the faith of Chriſt, the *Light* of the World, which *enlightneth* every man that cometh into the world, by which men apprehend the Faith from him.

We from the Lord having a moving out of great *Brittain, England*, from among the family of the *Prophets* of the moſt high God, among whom his name and power and glory is revealed, *who are two* of the reſt which are ſent out into the Nations, into the World, into the utmoſt parts of the Earth, to viſite Gods Vineyard, and the *Kings* of the *Earth whom God hath*

hath in his hand, and rules them as the waters, who cannot respect any mans person, nor transgress the Law of the mighty God, which sayes, *he that respects persons commits sin, and so becomes guilty of the whole Law of the mighty God of the whole earth, of Jacob, of Abraham, of Moses, of Solomon, of David, God that so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life, which Son doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World, that all through him might believe*, so in that state, and regard we have all men in esteem; (that they might be saved and come to life) and honour all men, and Creatures in the Lord as he hath created them, as creatures that he hath made; though they be degenerated from him, they being his handy-work, so therefore are we despised of all the men of the earth, whether *Professors* of *God*, *Christ*, the *Prophets*, and *Apostles*, and *Saints words*, in the whole Scripture, they not being in the life, and power of God, Christ, the Prophets, and Apostles life, and that is the cause of all hatred in the earth, amongst Professors as well as Heathens, so thy *Nobility*, thy *Love* to *Jesus*, thy *love* to the *Apostles*, and thy *love* to the *Prophets is much spoken off, but this is but part of our message*, that *thou*, and *you*, and *all* might come into the life of *Moses*, of the *Prophets* of *Christ Jesus*, and the life of God, and all thy *Dominion* under thee, whereby the peace of God which passeth all understanding may possess all your hearts, that to the faith you have in the Son of God you may add *virtue*, and to the *knowledge* which you have of the Prophets, and Apostles, and Christ you may add *Temperance*, and to *Temperance*, you may add *Patience* and *Godliness*, and to *Godlinesse*, *Brotherly kindness*, and *Charity*, which never fails where the love of God is, this love shed in the heart; Now these things being in you, you shall abound, and never be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledg of our Lord Jesus Christ, and an entrance shall be Ministred unto you abundantly, into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; but if these things be laking you will be blind, and forget that ever you were purged from your old sins. *Therefore these things before mentioned must be known in you*; and the Kingdom of Heaven must be known in *you*, though it be but like *a graine of Mustardseed*, and that is it which never *consented unto sin*, and *evil*, and that is leaven until it become a

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new Lump. *And the word which was in the beginning*, Christ (in whom all the Prophets and Types, and Figures, and shaddows end) is to be felt, and found in the heart, and that is the word that doth divide asunder the Pretious from the Vile, Pretious desires from Vile, Pretious words from Vile, and Christ becomes within the Mystery, the hope of Glory, *and every true Christian is to know the law of God put into his mind, and into his heart, that they need not say one to another, know the Lord, for all shall know the Lord from the least to the greatest, who have the Law written in their hearts, and put in their minds*, and the Lord is coming to teach his people himself by his spirit, in which they shall have unity with himself, in which he will be worshipped in the truth, in which spirit they shall have unity with the *Son* and with his *Prophets*, and *Apostles words*, and with their *Spirits*, and one with another. Now no one that is a *Christian* is to wrestle with *flesh* and *blood*, or is to hate enemies, but to love them, and they are not to persecute about their *Church*, about their *Ministry*, about their *Worship*, about their *Religion*, they are to do nothing by *Constraint*, but by *Love*, nothing in strif, for their will be a glorying, and a bosting, and lifting up, for God loved the *world* though *enemies* of himself, and so must his Children, not kill about *Religion*, *Church-Worship*, and *Ministry*, and that Christ the Son of God, that was sent into the world, the Saviour of the world he sayes unto his Diciples, love Enemies, and Persecutors, or else what do you more than the Pharisees, for they loved their own friends, but were not in the love of God that loved the world, so here Christians love must differ from the world, the *Pharisees*, the *Jews*, they had the Temple, the Priests, and the Prophets, the Scriptures, but out of the life that gave them forth, so did not receive Christ when he came, and so they did not know the love of God, but they persecuted their Friends, as all the *Christians* that have the Scriptures of *Truth*, and *Christs words*, and do not love enemies they differ not from the *Pharisees love*, which is *selfish*, so the universal love of God, the Children of God being in it, loves *enemies*, becomes *perfect*, and so comes into the mind of *Christ*, through which they know the mind of *God*, and comes into the *Covenant* of God, and acquainted with the life of God,

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